

Distinctions between Dual Standing and Privilege of Call

Candidates, calling bodies and associations are often confused as to whether Dual Standing or Privilege of Call is needed or desired and/or appropriate.

The chart below is intended to help clarify some of the basic issues.

- Dual Standing is a temporary authorization given to a minister from another denomination who has been called to a setting of the United Church of Christ. With such authorization, comes all of the rights, privileges and responsibilities of a United Church of Christ minister. Procedures for granting Dual Standing are found in Manual on Ministry (Section 4, pages 1-2).
- Privilege of Call is granted to a minister from another denomination who wishes to leave his/her present denomination and become an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. The process, found in Manual on Ministry (Section 4, pages 2-17), carefully indicates the expectations and requirements of the candidate, along with the steps needed to be taken by the minister and the Committee on the Ministry.

Comparison	Dual Standing	Privilege of Call
Who would apply?	Ordained minister from another denomination, serving in a setting of the UCC	Ordained minister in another denomination who wishes to become and serve in UCC
Relationship with present denomination	Wishes to retain current denominational standing	Wishes to relinquish present standing and become UCC
Duration	Ends at conclusion of the ministry in that UCC setting	Full and ongoing standing in UCC
Portability	Not transferable from one association to another	As a minister with standing in the UCC, may transfer standing to any new ministry setting